

to Cambridge, but, as I have
refused to visit my own young
folks at their Country Cottage, I
can't hardly leave the City, this
Summer, without falling into
merited disgrace.

I passed an evening, last week,
with Mrs. Torrey, & was pleased to
find her looking better than usual.
Maggie is at Staten Island, & Jane
at Genesee, Eliza only at home.
I learnt, from Mrs. F. that your
interesting friend Holton, is about
to sail for South America - either
to Rio or New Granada, Mrs. F.
was uncertain, which - we had
some grand doings here, two days
ago - the Play procession - but I gave
my Man & Woman a holiday, &
staid at home myself - gliding!
Kind love to Mrs. Gray, & with
renewed thanks, believe me

Very faithfully, J. S.

I have a letter from Pratt,
2^d Inst. who says his health
is better.

Thurs^{dy} 22 July /52.

My dear Gray -

Your letter reached
me, yesterday, & I take the earliest
opportunity of thanking you for
your kind attention to my enquiries.

I had previously supposed that
the plant raised from Wright's
seeds might be Nuttall's *E. peploides*,
with which the Char. agrees well
enough. I hardly see, however, where
in it differs from American
E. pepulus, & it may be, after all,
that we have not the real Euro-
pean species, in the Country, - the
Manual to the contrary not-
withstanding! (what a heresy!)
Certainly, Engelm. and's *E. commun-*
tata (Amer.^a *E. pepulus*, I suppose)
is well enough described by your
Char.^r of *E. pepulus*, in the Manual,
& is probably not distinct from
E. peploides, Nuttall -

It was to clear up this question, that I asked you for European *E. peplus*, while, it appears, you have not got.

Your remark that when you "said *E. peploides* has smooth seeds, you had before you only specimens of *E. peplus* - which has pitted seeds! However, I suppose this last slip was in writing *E. peplus* for *E. platyphylla*. But it is of no consequence, as I now understand that you had no authority for describing the seeds of Nuttall's plant.

[I have no Oakesian Spec.^{us} of *E. Esula*, & shall feel obliged for that you offer to me - also for *Salinum celycinum* & *parviflorum* I have into *F. teretifol.* from Darlington.

I thank you, very much, for the flower of *Epilobium latifolium*, from Labrador - also for the Samara of Nuttall's *Fraxinus bipartita*, a specimen (purporting to be of this species) which I have from Hale. Has much smaller - perhaps less mature - Samara, with the third

wing very narrow, & small.

I have written to Hart for *Frax. quadrangulata*, & we shall doubtless get it from him, if within his reach.

I shall get the paper of Nuttall, to which you refer - & I have seen certain spec.^{us} referred to names of Elliott, not in the sketch. Can you direct me to any paper of his, elsewhere? No.

If you can spare a specimen of *Rumex* 2. 3. 7. 8 (manual) I should be very glad of them, as I have none of either species. 3. *R. salicifolius*, being one of Oakes' & a grass^{like} species, is probably abundant with you.

I fear you are not yet working at the Flora, since Lindheimer's plants are not looked out beyond the "great terminus". Sprogue will be right after all! - "No you won't." I thank you, heartily, for your invitation